

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Larry D. Seiler et al.	Examiner:	Peter Pappas
Application No.:	10/790,953	Art Unit:	2628
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HIERARCHICAL Z BUFFERING  
AND STENCILING**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2009, Applicants petition for a three month extension of time, submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following preliminary amendment:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.